

## **FUTURE PLANNING**

The Giles County Health Council elected to form a subcommittee for each priority health issue. Each subcommittee will research existing interventions and resources in the county. Each subcommittee will then be responsible for writing a plan for Health Council involvement in furthering interventions toward their priority.

In late 1997, the Health Council officers initiated a meeting with the National Guard MediGuard unit. This collaboration has resulted in two annual MediGuard health fairs in Giles County. The health fairs have provided access to health screenings, immunizations, and health education for the entire population of Giles County.

In 1998 the Health Council invited Dan Collard to become a member. Mr. Collard is employed by the local hospital and directs the physician recruitment activities in the community. Having access to the Health Council's community diagnosis, and the community support, several new physicians have been recruited, including one that will receive a Health Access Practice Incentive grant.

In 1999, Giles County received a CDC grant through the Tennessee Department of Health, Health Promotion Section. The \$5,600 grant is for tobacco prevention efforts. The Health Council is responsible for writing the tobacco prevention plan, and overseeing its implementation throughout the community. The South Central Regional Health Council targeted Giles, along with four other counties, due to the results of their community diagnosis.